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MEET BUTCH — — HE LEARNED THE HARD WAY



This is Butch. He learned the hard way that safety rules are for his and all other workers protection. Follow his experiences through this issue and ask yourself if you observe these safety rules:

1. ASK QUESTIONS

If there is anything about your work that you do not understand, ask about it.

2. WEAR SUITABLE CLOTHES

Work clothes should fit snugly—no loose neckties, loose pockets, rings, etc.

3. USE THE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Keep guards on machines. Wear goggles, gloves, safety shoes on jobs which require them.

4. REPORTING IS IMPORTANT

Report all accidents. Report all defective equipment and tools. Report all unsafe conditions.

5. TREAT OTHERS WITH CONSIDERATION

Practical jokes and horseplay can be dangerous, any time, any place.

6. KEEP TOOLS WHERE THEY BELONG

Good housekeeping reduces hazards. Put away tools not in use. Keep floors clean. Pick up scrap. Wipe up oil or water spilled on floor. And keep the aisles clear.

7. GET FIRST AID

Even for a slight injury get first aid. And continue medical care.



PICNIC SCENES: The Information truck and the swan boat

A-B-C of Fire Prevention

Put out lighted matches and cigarettes before disposal.

Replace electric cords when worn or frayed.

Eliminate rubbish and unnecessary combustibles.

Vertical openings in buildings must be cut off to prevent spread of fire.

Educate school children in simple fire prevention.

Never smoke in bed.

Train everyone on what to do when fire breaks out.

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Flameproof decorations in all public places.

Inspect frequently all places where fire may occur.

Replace wooden shingle roofs with fire-retardant roofings.

Examine and maintain all fire appliances.

Safeguard all heating equipment from surrounding combustibles.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - October 3 to 9

LET THE GUARD GUARD YOU



Butch was quick. He was good—and he knew it. But he hated to stop and adjust the guard before starting the machine.

"Guards and goggles are for the Milquetoasts," he chuckled, and hid the guard under his bench. When the stockman passed down the aisle and bumped against him, Butch's hand was shoved past where the guard should have been and into the revolving gears of the machine.

Butch pushed the stop button—but not soon enough. The machine nipped

Skaters Vie For Titles

Two of the Heat Controllers put in their bid for Rollerskating titles recently. The Oregon State Rollerskating Championships were held in Portland this year.

Frank Walsh, of the inspection department, placed fourth in the novice men's figure division. Frank missed out of being advanced to the regional meet by a shade of one point. Nice try, Frank.

Galen Goodale, of the On-A-Lite department, missed the finals and maybe a regional placement, by one-tenth of one point, in the novice dance division.

Congratulations, boys, and better luck next year.

the tips of two fingers.

"I'm a Milquetoast from here on out," Butch said as he headed for first aid.

Now, we are all Milquetoasts in this shop. We keep the guards on the machines that are in motion, and we wear properly fitted goggles at our work.



For Sale: Drop Leaf breakfast table, 2 chairs. \$10.00. See McBroom, Plant 1 Shop.

For Sale: High chair, extra good one. \$7.00. See McBroom.

For Sale: Man's overcoat, medium weight, blue color, size 38, \$10.00. See McBroom.

For Sale: Library table, dark color. \$5.00. See McBroom.

For Sale: Six-year crib and mattress, good as new. \$15.00. See Louis Olsen, Heating Control Shop.

For Sale: Hi-Standard 22 cal. automatic target pistol. 6- $\frac{3}{4}$ barrel, holster, extra clip, 2 boxes cartridges. New Condition. \$65.00 value for \$45.00. See "Doc" DuBois, Heating Control.

VACATION PAY

Little pay check, in a day,
You and I will go away
To some gay and festive spot;
I'll return, but, you will not.

—Armoured News

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HORSEPLAY WON'T PAY



It was one of those days when you feel something has to happen or you'll blow your top. Anyway, that's how Butch felt.

So when the stockman came by with an armful of cartons, out went Butch's foot. The boxes went flying.

Just horseplay—no harm meant. But one of the boxes hit a girl worker on the back of her head. She fell, with her ankle twisted under her.

Results: One skinned hand—One bruised knee (stockman). One gashed head—One sprained ankle (girl). One sorry guy (Butch).

The girl stopped limping after a while, but Butch never stopped blaming himself. He learned that day what every worker needs to know—that horseplay and work don't mix.

UNUSUAL TRILLIUMS

By Al Shankland

The trillium is one of the advance agents of spring, and really makes quite a showing in groups or in single settings.

It pays to watch for a flower that is different, as was my experience. I found a 6-petal flower on Easter Sunday in 1944. Next year it was just a 3-petal flower, which was a little disappointing. In 1946 there were two flowers; one had 5 petals and the other had 6; and the small leaves under the white petals numbered four. Two of them were marked with white on them.

In 1947 they improved even more, as they returned with two 9-petal and one 7-petal flowers.

This year, as the picture shows, the little group really tried to outdo itself. The large flower had 13 petals, 9 large and 4 small ones. Then there is the 6-petal one, with the 3-petal flower to the extreme right. The one just breaking open has 5 petals with a green stripe down the center of one petal and another petal is half green. There are also 3 small irregular petals in center of flower.

Two more members showed up this year without flowers. Next year they

Albert (Al) B. Schwerin

One of the most severe and sudden shocks to Iron Fireman was the death of Al Schwerin, on Sunday, August 29, 1948.

Al came to Iron Fireman on March 28, 1927 and since that time has been in the Tool Room, Foreman in the Tool Room, Foreman in the Machine Shop, Chief Inspector, General Foreman, and finally Process Engineer.

In his various jobs, he proved himself most capable and conscientious. He had a remarkable ability to analyze the problems ahead of him, both in the shop and in his personal world.

Everyone at Iron Fireman gained much by having known and associated with him. We keenly miss his cheerful "Good Morning" and pleasant "Hello" as he went through the shop.

The most sincere thoughts of the employees of Iron Fireman go out to the wife and family of Al Schwerin.

will add to this strange group and others will probably make changes too. So watch for a different trillium and your reward may be just as valuable as was mine.

(Editor's Note: Al Shankland's hobby is raising wild flowers and shrubs, and he tries to keep them in groups as much like their original state as possible.)



WHEN A TOOL BITES A MAN

It may not be news, but it's time for repairs.

Sometimes a man gets so fond of an old chisel or hammer that he keeps on using it when he knows it isn't safe. Butch used to have a favorite hammer. The wedge came out of the head, but he kept on using it. Finally, the head flew off and hit Butch a mean blow on the foot.

Since then, Butch won't use a hammer with a loose head—or a mushroomed chisel—or a cracked ladder—or a machine with a broken or missing guard. And he won't let anyone else use them, either—not if he's around.



Remember When — —

Johnny Knepper could always tell when the Yandell sisters weren't speaking—Katherine's machine would be at the far end of the line.

The Christmas Ruth Olan got a very dead fish from Bert Waller.

And someone stole Hazel Rector's shoe—she walked around all day with her foot in a box, which Mr. Teeple ignored when he brought the "Navy" thru.

When Harry and Jean Becker got married—with all the trimmings—crossed sword (or shall we call them brooms and mops); flower girls; and
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This is the first issue of the IRON MAN since the January-February issue, and to many of you it is new. This is your paper and we want news about you. See any of the staff if you have news to submit or would like to join us.

Our September-October issue will feature vacation stories and pictures. Give your pictures to a member of the staff or send them to the Personnel Dept. at Plant 1 and we will try to include them.

THE EDITOR



PICNIC, 1948

Late this spring the first plans were made for our 1948 Picnic. The date was set for August 14, and the place Avalon Park.

Then in almost no time at all, it was July and time to begin work. Les Lloyd was chosen as the General Chairman, and to help him on the General Committee, Jim Soule, Marguerite Roberts, Glenn Miller and Jeannette Lux were appointed.

So these five got their heads together and began to look around to see who they would like to go to work on refreshments, the dance, publicity, sports, etc. That's how the following committee chairmen were named: First Aid, Grayce Berry; Dance, Chuck Strader; Safety, Henry Evers; Pictures, Walt Manning; Prizes, Lois Reischel; Sound, King Handley; Refreshments, Elmer Richardson; Publicity, Verda Gregg; Properties, Arnold Jensen; Sports, Al Hoffmeister.

Then ensued a series of committee meetings, hurried telephone calls, studying old committee reports of other years, checking, ordering food and supplies, lining up transportation, getting others to help serve on committees, collecting the prize money, issuing tickets and publicity, etc., etc. — and finally the big day arrived.

First of all, Heating Control met Plant 1 on the softball field, where they were downed at the end of the 7th inning by Plant 1 with a score of 3 to 2. Later in the afternoon, the Wayne Strong trophy was presented to Bruce Fields by its donor.

At 11:00 A. M. the refreshment booths opened and ice cream, beer, and soda pop were free for the asking. Then during lunch coffee and cream were also served.

Then to help the kiddies run off the big picnic lunches they had just eaten, Ed Thorpe took them on a Treasure Hunt where they found noise makers, balloons and toy airplanes awaiting them at various stations.

From 2:00 to 4:00 were the main races and contests. Winners of the boys leap frog race were Dan Matola Jr. and Gary Noble, 1st prize; and Dick and John Hanson, 2nd. Garrielle Chittende won the foot race for girls 6 to 9, with Judy Shepherd coming in a close second.

Clyde Telen was the champion hopper in the boys' sack race and Ellis Miller took second place. Fleet-footed Sandra Leake won the 50-yard dash for girls 10 to 12, but Pat Feuerborn was close at her heels.

Terry Lowry and Terry Jr. won the father and son wheelbarrow race; Frank and Bobby Michoff took second

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prize. Keith Gowing was first across the line in the boys' 75-yard dash, and Dan Locke was second. Barbara Dixon took first place and Betty Palumbo, second, in the girls' 75-yard dash.

The next contest was a special — a shoe-kicking contest. Rudy Sirianni was the shoe hurling champ and Lee Strand was next-to-champ. In the fat man race, Walt Peggarr and Jean Berry came in 1st and 2nd, respectively.

In the needle and thread race, Gladys and Walt Koch threaded their needle first and Lucille and Howard Ryerse finished second. Frank Duncan, Clinton Hodson and Frank Portwood must have been practicing because they won the four legged race; closely following them were Chuck Strader, Dick Maxwell and George Richards.

Elenor Cashin won the women's nail driving contest and Bertha Berry was just a stroke behind. Everybody stand back! There's Jerry Krafve over the line and Joe Stephens right on his heels in the men's 100-yard dash.

Audrey Wallace and Dave Dobson were the lucky couple who won the egg-throwing contest without a messy

FIRST AID FIRST



The only time Butch got really mad was when a new worker punctured a finger with a nail and started to tie it up with a dirty rag.

Butch went into action—and how! He took the rag away from the guy and marched him off to first aid on the double.

"O. K., O. K.," sputtered the guy. "But why should I take time off from work just for a little jab like that? I'd get it fixed up when I got home."

"By that time infection might have set in," Butch reminded him. "And then you'd find out how it feels to loose time from work—and maybe your finger, too."

"The time to get first aid is when you get hurt."

TOOL ROOM



STRICTLY PERSONAL



Among the new girls in the office are Enid Nott, who is from Australia, and Jean Smith, who is from Bermuda. Enid works for Mr. Cox and Jean is in the Purchasing Dept.

Maxine Mayor is the tall, dark beauty in Tool Design; Louise Wolfe is Mr. Bryant's new secretary; Helen Haslett is lending a very welcome hand to the Personnel staff; Betty Caputo is

now taking care of your Savings Bonds; Mary Linnebur is now taking care of the Mail Dept.

Since April we have almost double the number of men in the shop, and we would like to welcome each and every one of you to Iron Fireman. We are sorry we cannot list each name but will welcome any bit of news about you for future issues.

mishap. Coming in second were Norma Tiedemann and Bill Lay.

Frank Hecox and Al Wallace were first and second in the grandfather's race, and (this is off the record) Grandpa Banfield came heel-toeing it in for the booby prize.

The executives' watermelon eating contest took a new turn this year. Each was garbed in a gay picturesque barbecue apron and after taking their bows before their public and the cameras, they were informed that this year they would eat blindfolded. Much to Cliff Snider's surprise when he came up for air, he found that he alone

had been rooting his way through that luscious slice of watermelon. Yes sir, King Handley kept his promise that Cliff Snider would win again this

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Do you like Butch? We hope you do because we think he can help each one of us at Iron Fireman. Thanks to the Bureau of Labor Standards for the use of this material.

THE EDITOR.

VITALISTICS

STORK CLUB:

- To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Putman, Plant 1 Shop, a son, William Richard, 8 lbs., May 28.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Richards, Plant 1 Shop, a son, Thomas Dale, 8 lb. 2 oz., March 18.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kaleshnik, Plant 1 Shop, a daughter, Caryl Raye, 8 lb. 4 oz., July 22.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walker, Heating Control, a son, Douglas Lee, 6 lb. 7 oz., August 7.
- To Mr. and Mrs. John Barnett, Plant 1 Shop, a son, Thomas Charles, 6 lb. 10 oz., July 8.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heiden, Jr., Plant 1 Shop, a son, David Eugene, 7 lb. 7 1/2 oz., August 10.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Chet Houghtaling, Retail, a son John Francis, 8 lb. 13 oz., August 2.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stone, Plant 1 Shop, a son, Richard O., 7 lb. 8 oz., May 5.
- To Mr. and Mrs. William Schuff, Plant 1 Shop, a son, Bill Ray, 6 lb. 9 oz., May 7.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Jensen, Retail, a daughter, Beth Ellen, 6 lb. 8 oz., April 22.

ENGAGEMENTS:

Norma Tiedemann, Plant 1 Office, to William Lay.

WEDDING BELLS:

Eileen Hurr, Heating Control, to Archie Anderson, May 29.
Verda Berg, Heating Control, to Carl Gregg, June 13.
Lester Strand, Plant 1 Shop, to Freida Aherns, July 16.
Dorothy Mendenhall, Plant 1 Office, to Al John, August 14.
Raymond LaVodie, Plant 1 Shop, to Dolores Ray, August 14.

THERMO - - - STATIC

John Taylor is the proud possessor of an American flag with 13 stars and stripes, which has been handed down through four generations in his family, coming to him from his mother, who received it on her 13th birthday, as did her mother and grandmother before her.

We'd like to dedicate these songs to the following people:

King Handley — "Horses, Horses, Horses"

Joan Linden — "The Donkey Serenade"

Ann Dodson — "Poppa (Father) Won't You Dance With Me?"

Nellie Hickman — "Three O'clock in the Morning"

Joe Stephens — "Beer Barrel Polka" (not enough beer at picnic)

Ruth Leppert and Helen Clarke — "Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?"

Wayne Strong, Art Aldinger and Helen Cook — "Worry, Worry, Worry"

To the gang on the On-A-Lite line — "I'm Beginning to See the Light"

Clinton Neff — "The Sweetest (?) Story Ever Told"

Galen Goodale and Frank Cressler — "The Skater's Waltz"

Bea Hunt — "All By Myself" (anyone that eats garlic bread should be!)

Betty Zirschky and Ruth Smith — "Dial Be Seeing You"

For the Rumor Spreaders — "Little White Lies"

OVERHEARD

Hattie Eckton: "Thank heavens we won't have to worry about that middle age spread, now that we have to stand up and work!"

Bea Hunt and Waive Norman were hostesses for a dinner party at **Verna Dobson's** cabin on the Clackamas River in Estacada on August 19. Those present were **Helen Sepick, Delma Hostettler, Verna Dobson, Von Leah Scheer, Erna Nelson, Nina Peake.** Had a swell time, only they ate too much.

A lot of us will remember and welcome back an old friend, **Kenneth Golden**, who left us back when the war started in 1942. For the past few years he has been associated with **Leupold & Stevens Co.** and we are glad to have him back with us. **Kenneth** is foreman in our Experimental Department at present.

On a pleasant evening buggy ride with her gallant man friend, the sweet young lady exclaims with great appreciation when passing a pop corn wagon, "My, my! That pop corn does smell so good!"

Says he, "Do you like it?" She, "Yes I do." He, "All right, then I'll drive around the block again." Oh well—

CLEAN UP — or FALL DOWN



Butch used to be a guy who wouldn't stop to clean up scrap. Or put his tools away. Or wipe up a puddle of oil.

But one day he slipped on some oil. He hit the floor—but hard—and passed out cold. After that, things changed.

"How come you keep things so neat, nowadays?" asked the foreman, watching Butch brush up some sawdust.

"Well, you see," grinned Butch, "after that tumble, I asked the wife: 'How do you do it? How do you keep the house so spic and span?' 'Nothing to it,' says she, patting that red hair of hers, 'just good housekeeping. You have to clean things up as you go.'"

Everyday is CLEAN-UP DAY in our shop now. And we are especially careful about keeping the aisles clear.

Remember When — —

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even a reason why the ceremony shouldn't continue.

When **Edith Luciana** opened a cupboard, only to find **Frank Cressler** inside. You've grown some since then, Frank.

The girls outnumbered the men in the Machine Shop.

And **V E Day.**

The sandwich **Helen Cook** fixed for **Bert Waller**—and we won't mention the one in the tool room.

Rosie Douglas and the Hawaiian war chant.

Who won the exhibition of strength, Ole or Sam?

And the guy on the screw machine line that never had time to eat his breakfast, and begged sandwiches from the girls.

The Hot Dogs — and Ice Cream — and Mabel —

We could go on and on but the censor says NO.

If you've enjoyed this trip down Memory Lane

To the days of "Remember When"

See if you can remember more

And maybe we'll go there again.

R. W. S.



In the last issue of the Iron Man we showed a picture of our new building-to-be. Now we are proud to show a picture of the completed building. The building has been sectioned off, and both assembled parts and stock for the machine shop are stored in these orderly sections



Thursday night, September 2 at Rose City Bowl, the Iron Fireman Bowlers got under way.

The starting time is the same as last year — 6:45 sharp. Be there ahead of time, get your shoes on, reserve a ball and be rarin' to bowl at 6:45.

If at any time during the coming season you cannot bowl, please advise your captain or the League secretary so a spare can be contacted. Do not wait until Thursday P. M. at 4:00 to tell your captain you can't bowl. For the good of your team and our league, give us a chance to get a spare.

The League's president, Fred Hansen, is back in Cleveland for two or three months, and our secretary Jim Soule, is "swamped with work" over at Retail; consequently we needed a secretary to get our League going. One of the men nominated last year was Rudy Sott, so if your average is off a pin or two or the bowling sheets aren't out Friday morning, jump on Rudy. (He can take it.) But no kidding, Rudy, we all wish you good luck.

Following are the ten teams for the 1948-49 season, drawn as in the past, in groups of ten men by averages.

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Team #1 | Team #2 |
| A. Hoffmeister | T. Kinney |
| D. Rolfe | B. Schwerin |
| W. Strong | L. Coe |
| C. Neff | E. Nierhoff |
| L. Sherman | W. Osborn |
| Team #3 | Team #4 |
| E. Winkler | L. Strand |
| W. Packer | J. Leake |
| H. Vien | J. Collins |
| E. Reddekopp | J. Haag |
| I. Youngbluth | P. Bassett |
| Team #5 | Team #6 |
| T. Lowry | A. Foster |
| E. Feuerborn | H. Cashin |
| W. Hohenleitner | A. Schwerin |
| T. Cleland | P. Schlechter |
| E. Lunda | W. Tanna |
| Team #7 | Team #8 |
| L. Cox | J. Piehl |
| E. Todoroff | M. Richardson |
| R. Sott | J. Berry |
| A. Jensen | W. Richardson |
| H. Ryerse | Henricks |

PLANT 1 WINS TROPHY

Plant 1 emerged the victor with a score of 3 to 2 in the annual Plant 1 vs. Heating Control softball game at the Company Picnic. This year's game was very evenly matched and the final run was not made until the very end of the seventh inning.

Plant 1 team was captained by Bruce Fields and Heating Control's captain was Joe Stephens. Retail was right in there too; Soule played on Heating Control team and Jensen and Sudlow joined the Plant 1 team. Team line-ups were as follows:

| Plant 1 | Heating Control |
|-------------|-----------------|
| C Fields | Gates |
| P Endicott | Stephens |
| 1B Kraive | Strong |
| 2B Eckhardt | Walker |
| SS Peterson | Reihl |
| 3B Strader | Soule |
| LF Kinney | Schaffer |
| CF Sudlow | Tripplet |
| RF Jensen | Neff |

Merle Tripplet, first man up for Heating Control, got the game off to a brilliant start by knocking out a home run. Then in the 2nd inning, Jim Soule made another home run. Then things were a little quiet until the end of the 5th, when Jerry Kraive hit a homer with one man on, which tied up the game at 2-2. The winning run was driven in by Sam Eckhardt, with Jensen scoring in the end of the 7th.

Ellis Endicott and Joe Stephens both pitched a good game and to them goes much of the credit for the thrilling game.

Later in the day, Wayne Strong presented the new softball trophy to Captain Bruce Fields. Plant 1 will keep the trophy until next year, when it will be presented to the 1949 winner. The team which wins two out of three games will earn permanent possession of this beautiful trophy.

"Are you doing anything Sunday evening?" a business man asked his stenographer.
 "No, not a thing," she replied hopefully.
 "Well, then," he said sternly, "see if you can't get down here on time Monday morning."

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Team #9 | Team #10 |
| E. Hoffmeister | G. Porter |
| C. Duffy | B. Chambers |
| P. McGuire | A. Lomax |
| C. Wilcox | A. Gellner |
| G. Campbell | S. Stephens |

Spares
 A. Wallace B. Salerno
 S. Putnam A. Staats
 R. Englund R. Walker
 Be a good sport, bowl every Thursday night, and most of all, HAVE FUN!



Bruce Fields Accepts Wayne Strong Trophy

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year. He was presented with the "CHAMP" trophy and also, for being such a good sport and the winner, a desk set.

At last the big moment arrived for the prize drawings. A Philco radio went to Tony Oliver; a GE casserole Maurine Dudgeon; camera and film Ricky Coe; and camera and film to Becky Wright in the gate drawings.

The grand prize for employees was a \$100 savings bond won by Peter Schlechter of Plant 1. From then on it was Heating Control's day, except for the Telechron Clock which went to John Dudgeon of Retail. Alice Gates received a Toastmaster; Paul Sabo, a Philco radio; George Schaffer, a Manning-Bowman waffle iron; Josephine Donato, a Foreman electric percolator; Art Aldinger, a Whippet mixer; Lois Reischel, an Ice-O-Mat; and Edna Denman, a Juice-O-Mat.

A short time later Bingo enthusiasts gathered for several rounds of their favorite game, others returned to finish up their picnic lunches, and those who were in the horseshoe tournament returned for the finals.

And then to top off all the good fun, everyone went to the dance — even the kids, since the elements decided to cut loose with a regular downpour — and danced to the mellow strains of Ed Burke and his orchestra.

When the last person had departed about midnight, each having a wonderful day of fun and sport and good food, those who had spent so much time and energy planning all events felt that their mission had been accomplished — a very successful 1948 Iron Fireman Picnic.